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6.	$\boxtimes$	Priority of foreign application No. 2000-279101 filed September 14, 2000 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
	$\boxtimes$	The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/944,590 on September 4, 2001.
•		A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
7.		Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No filed is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
		(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect the claim of benefit in the specification if not already present.)
8.	$\boxtimes$	The prior application is assigned of record to <u>TDK CORPORATION</u> , <u>Tokyo</u> , <u>Japan</u> and recorded at Reel <u>012151</u> , Frame <u>0417</u> .
9.		This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application
		(37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
10.	$\boxtimes$	A Preliminary Amendment is attached. The Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to reflect the continuation data.
11.	$\boxtimes$	An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
12.		Small entity status:
		a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.
		b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
13.		Other:
14.		This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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